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WASHINGTON'S LOTTERY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PREPARE TO LAUNCH SECOND ANNUAL VETERANS *RAFFLE*

Launching this Sunday, the Veterans Raffle will offer the best chance at winning \$1 million and will support important programs for Washington veterans

OLYMPIA, Wash. – This Veterans Day, Washington's Lottery and the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) will officially launch the second annual Veterans *Raffle* to support veterans across the state. The \$10 raffle ticket gives players the best chance to win \$1 million among all current Washington's Lottery games. Every ticket sold benefits the WDVA's Veterans Innovations Program (VIP) which provides crisis and emergency relief, as well as education, training, and employment assistance for Washington veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

In addition to the top prize of \$1 million, there will be drawings for 30 \$1,000 prizes and 100, \$100 prizes. Tickets will go on sale this Sunday, November 11 and will be sold through January 1, 2013. The drawings for all 131 prizes will be held on January 2, 2013. There are a limited number of tickets available – and the best odds of winning a \$1 million right now– so players need to purchase tickets now before they're gone!

"Washington's Lottery is proud to partner with the WDVA on this program to support the men and women who have courageously defended our freedoms at home and abroad," said Bill Hanson, director of Washington's Lottery. "We're excited to offer players this chance at winning \$1 million, while supporting the VIP which supports the brave men and women across our state who have fought overseas."

Last year's *Raffle* raised more than \$247,000 to keep the VIP program funded and help provide critical support for veterans and their families across the state. Washington's Lottery will continue to support the VIP and the dedicated veterans returning from Iraq, Afghanistan and other posts around the world with the annual Veteran's *Raffle*.

“Since the VIP was started in 2006 we have helped more than 1,000 returning veterans with education, training, housing and other support to help them get back on their feet after long, difficult deployments,” said WDVA Director John Lee. “Through the Veterans *Raffle*, Washingtonians are helping provide important support to these critical programs that aid veterans and their families across Washington State.”

Veterans Raffle Key Facts:

- **Sale dates:** Nov. 11, 2012 through Jan. 1, 2013
- **Ticket Price:** \$10, purchased at any Lottery retailer (www.walottery.com/WhereToPlay)
- **Drawing:** Jan. 2, 2013; visit www.walottery.com for details.
- **Number of tickets:** 200,000
- **Prizes:** \$1,040,000 in total cash prizes. One \$1 million dollar grand prize, 30 \$1,000 prizes and 100 \$100 prizes. Overall odds of winning a cash prize are one in 1:53 thousand based on selling 200,000 tickets.

Among all other current Washington’s Lottery games, the Veterans *Raffle* offers players the best chance for players to win \$1 million. To purchase a ticket, players can visit any one of the more than 3,700 participating Washington’s Lottery retailers throughout the state. To learn more about the Veterans Innovations Program, visit www.dva.wa.gov/Vet_Inn_Pro.html. To learn more about the Veterans *Raffle*, visit www.walottery.com/Raffle/.

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